and withal he wrote an admonition to the English to adhere to the Pope and the Spaniard But being disappointed of his hopes he returned to Rome, there greatly wearied by the dissensions and animosities of English fugitives, as well students as gentlemen

December REVELS TO BE HELD AT GRAY'S INN

The gentlemen at Gray's Inn, after many consultations, have now determined to hold revels this Christmastide, and more especially as these pastimes have been discontinued for three or four years They make choice of Mr Henry Helmes, a Norfolk gentleman, one accomplished with all good parts, a very proper man of personage, and very active in dancing and revelling, to be elected their * Prmce of Purpool * and to govern the state for the duration of the revels Privy Councillors and all officers of state, of the Law and of the household are assigned to him, and an invitation in the form of a privy seal dispatched to the Gentlemen of the Inner Temple, bidding them appoint an Ambassador to be a minister of correspondence between the two houses or kingdoms

PLAYS OF THE WEEK

The plays this past week at the Rose were *Doctor Favstus, The Jew of Malta, Caesar and Pompey, Warlamcb ester, The Knack to Know an Honest Man, The Set at the Maw* (for the first time)

20tb December THE REVELS AT GRAY'S INN

The revels were begun this night The Prince of Purpool with all his train marched from his lodging to the great Hall and there was installed on his Throne, under a rich cloth of State, with his councillors and great lords about him and before, the rest of his officers taking their places as belonged to their condi-

tion Then the trumpeters were commanded to sound thrice, which being done, the King at Arms, in a rich surcoat, stood forth before the Prince and proclaimed his style After this entered the Prince's champion in complete armour, on horse-back, and so came riding about the fire and in the midst of the Hall made his challenge and then departed

King at Arms having next blazoned the Prince's Arms, the Attorney stood up and made a speech of gratulation, wherein he